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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of establishing a loop of delayed commands for completion among a larger set of commands in a queue of commands, comprising:

- recognizing a delay in completion of a first read command in the queue and in response designating the first read command as a first delayed read command;
- determining that the command in the queue following the first delayed read command is a second read command;
- setting a loop start pointer to identify the first delayed read command;
- setting a loop end pointer to identify the second read command;
- recognizing a delay in completion of the second read command in the queue and in response designating the second read command as a second delayed read command;
- determining that the command in the queue following the second delayed read command is a third read command;
- advancing the loop end pointer to identify the third read command; and
- attempting to complete the read commands at and between the loop start pointer and the loop end pointer until all of those read commands have been completed, before attempting to complete other commands in the queue; and
- advancing the loop start pointer to the next subsequent command in the command buffer after the command identified by the loop start pointer has been completed.

Claim 2 (Original): A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising: